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Order of Omega honors Greek community

BY ANNA MCCOLLUM
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The 2014 Greek Awards Ceremony was held Wednesday night to recognize members and chapters in the Greek system at The University of Mississippi.

The ceremony was held in the C.M. Tad Smith Coliseum. Members of organizations in the National Pan-Hellenic Council, Interfraternity Council and National Panhellenic Council attended to honor their chapters and fellow Greeks.

The Omega Theta chapter of the Order of Omega and the Office of Greek affairs hosted the ceremony.

Coordinator of Greek Affairs Norris "EJ" Edney began by introducing the program's two masters of ceremonies, Cipriano Apicelli and Ann Marie Mercier.

Apicelli, vice president of the Order of Omega and member of Sigma Pi fraternity, explained the values of the Order of Omega.

"The Order of Omega values scholarship, leadership and service and strives to bring the Greek community together as a positive influence on campus," Apicelli said.

Chapter awards were given to those organizations that were deemed excellent and outstanding in the following categories: administrative compliance, chapter affiliation, campus involvement, new member education, membership development, philanthropy, community service, risk management and highest GPA.

Individual awards included Emerging Leader, Outstanding New Member, Outstanding Chapter President, Community Servant and Community Spirit.

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Freedom Riders tell their stories as part of discussion panel



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Mary Harrison Lee and Hezekiah Watkins answer questions regarding the Freedom Riders in the 1960s during a panel discussion Wednesday.

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Civil rights activists Mary Harrison Lee and Hezekiah Watkins discussed their involvement in the Freedom Riders civil rights movement as part of a discussion panel in the Overby Center Wednesday evening.

Lee and Watkins reflected on how curiosity drove them to the movement more than vindication. They also explained how their experiences in Jackson in 1961 led to their continued involvement.

"I was not even aware of what the Freedom Riders were doing, but I'm glad I got to be a part of it and glad to be here to share my story with you," Lee said.

The Congress of Racial Equality organized the Freedom Rides in 1961. The rides

were a series of trips taken by activists attempting to nonviolently protest the non-enforcement of U.S. Supreme Court rulings that made segregation unconstitutional on interstate buses and in related facilities.

CORE originally routed the rides toward New Orleans, but complications led them to Jackson.

Curious about the Freedom Riders, Lee signed up as an alternate when James L. Bevel came to Tupelo College to recruit local riders. She cited her empathy for a fellow Mississippi native, who would have been the only local female rider, as her main reason for accepting when Bevel asked her to take part.

Audience member Detra Payne expressed the value she saw in Lee's commentary.

"That notion of just being

supportive (of) another human being, 'I didn't want the girl to be by herself', we still, as human beings, need to get back to that," Payne said. "We need to get back to that connection."

Law enforcement arrested 328 people at the Freedom Riders' arrival in Jackson including Lee and Watkins. At 13 years old, Watkins was the youngest among the arrestees sent to nearby Parchman Prison during the movement.

Watkins came to see the Freedom Riders he had seen on television with no intention of getting involved.

"If I wanted water, my place was to drink from the fountain that read 'color only,'" Watkins said. "If I wanted a sandwich, my place was to go to the rear of an establishment. That was my knowledge. That was my belief. That was my understanding of

being black in Jackson, Mississippi, as a 13-year-old child."

Senior African American studies major and West Point native Ashley Ridgeway expressed her reasons for attending.

"I'm currently writing a research paper on the Civil Rights Movement in my town," Ridgeway said. "I thought it would be good to come and hear the perspective of a freedom rider, and I got to meet two (riders)."

The National Endowment for the Humanities' Created Equal Initiative sponsored the event. University of Mississippi Libraries and the Center for the Study of Southern Culture received grants to participate in the initiative in conjunction with the William Winter Institute for Racial Reconciliation.

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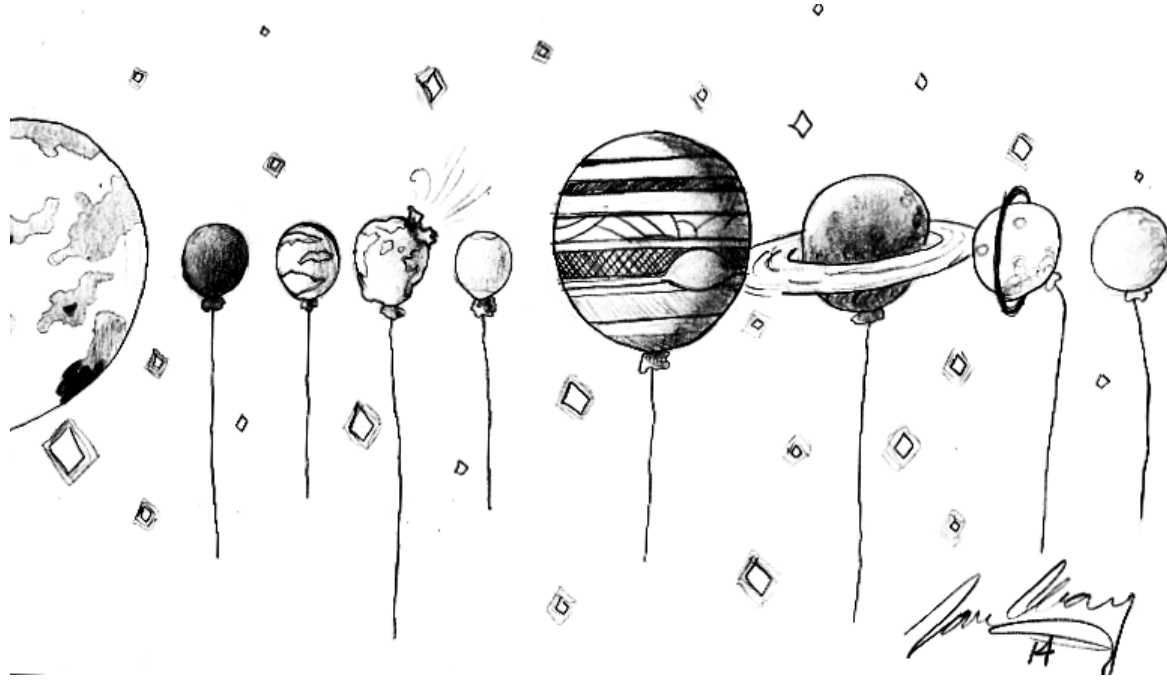
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Military over mind

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Seven days ago, four people were killed and 16 were injured in a shooting rampage done by Spc. Ivan Lopez on the Texas military base Fort Hood. The base is familiar to many due to the 2009 shooting spree carried out there by Maj. Nidal Hasan, a radical Muslim jihadist that had infiltrated the U.S. Military as a psychiatrist. While the motives of the two shooters are seemingly unrelated, the result is the same—senseless deaths due to the military's refusal to recognize the emotional psyche of its ranks as a possible enemy.

Lopez was a 34-year-old Iraq war veteran, husband and father of four.

Seemingly inconspicuous amongst the military's many, could Lopez have been identified earlier as a threat and stopped before he went on his rampage? Not within the military's current culture that idolizes violence and ignores or ridicules those suffering from poor mental or emotional health.

Illnesses such as post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and traumatic brain injuries (TBIs), which are often present together, are seemingly intangible when compared to losing a limb.

An unfortunate many within the military who suffer from PTSD are ashamed of their condition

and the stigma attached to it by their fellow soldiers. Those in the military often refer to emotional disorders as “fake problems,” “weakness,” “people trying to get attention” or “being over-emotional and not tough enough.”

Ironically, Lopez commented on the Newtown shooting over Facebook, calling for reformed evaluations of mental health as he said, “It is stupid to me that anyone can have easy access to powerful weapons without being mentally evaluated. This makes the government an indirect accomplice.”

Lopez had a medical history that included treatment for depression coupled with anxiety; and, as these are cornerstones of PTSD, he was being evaluated for the disorder at the time of his shooting rampage. Lopez served four months in Iraq but according to military personnel saw no direct combat, making them hesitant to consider him as someone suffering from PTSD.

According to another post made on Lopez's Facebook profile, however, he suffered an extremely traumatic wartime experience stating, “It has been exactly one year and two days since I left Iraq, seeing in Fallujah the most brutal explosion. I was left paralyzed ... (Those) were hours of agony waiting for an attack.”

The clear divide here is that the

military has a criteria for what constitutes a traumatic battle experience that does not take into account the soldier's personal interpretation of the event.

In determining whether or not a soldier has PTSD, it must be the symptoms that are analyzed for their effect instead of a focus on the status of the incident, as not all people will experience war environments in the same manner.

Many in the military community, such as Medal of Honor recipient and PTSD survivor Sgt. Dakota Meyer, fear that classifying PTSD as the cause of the shooting rampage would put “a stigma on all veterans” and that “the media will label this shooting PTSD, but if what that man did is PTSD, then I don't have it.”

Again, the issue of nonconformity within the military arises.

PTSD is different for all people and must be evaluated on an individual basis.

Whether or not Spc. Ivan Lopez ultimately suffered from PTSD or another mental illness is still to be determined. What is certain at this time is that the military must begin to view soldiers who suffer from mental health disorders as wounded and to see emotional trauma and brain damage as the adversary it is.

Whitney Greer is a sophomore English major from Medford, Ore.

Open letter to students

Last week, opinion articles in the Daily Mississippian called on members of our Greek-letter organizations to make good on their public pledge to take action in opening doors, becoming more inclusive and promoting inclusion. Although it may not be apparent to the broader campus community, we are aware of movement on that front—some Greek-letter organizations are engaged in discussions about how best to move forward. Likewise, we were witness to the inauguration of our new Associated Student Body (ASB) leadership. The new ASB President and Vice President both shared their vision of a united student body and a campus where all students feel welcome all of the time. We are inspired by this shared commitment to make The University of Mississippi a better place, and with this letter we add our words of encouragement.

Our Creed reinforces key values—the values of respect, fairness, and civility. Challenging discussions can test those values, but if we are to have meaningful dialogue and make real progress, it is important to hold those values close. Now is the time that we work together as the family we hold dear. We urge our student leaders to join together in accomplishing the very important goal of making this a better campus for everyone. We will also continue to commit our leadership as an instrument to help our campus community be a more inclusive place for all.

We offer our support to student organizations as they evaluate their practices, embrace diversity, make this a welcoming place for all, and implement real change. We thank you for your leadership and for the hard work that will make this campus a better place.

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Bring smiles this spring

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Springtime in Oxford. As a Mississippi State graduate and devoted bulldog, even I can admit that spring is special in this small town.

The flowers are blooming, and everyone is stirring. People are finally emerging from one of the longest winters to date and trying to stay outside for as long as possible. Spring parties are gearing up — or at least I hope that's the justification for the droves of awfully short jorts and boots I saw this past Saturday.

From Super Bulldog Weekend in Starkville to the Juke Joint Festival in Clarksdale or Double Decker here at the end of this month, communities around the area are stirring up fun activities to bring music, art and sports all together.

I could write several articles on how great these events are and why you should attend, but for this

article, I am going to ask you do something more this spring.

In the idyllic community of Oxford, it's easy to get swept up in that F. Scott Fitzgerald-type madness of celebration.

Living off the Square, springtime means seeing Mercedes filled with college kids speeding to the Square to drink on a balcony. It's music blaring for fraternity parties. It's everyone gathering around coolers to celebrate the setting of the sun at Sardis.

This spring, however, I've seen another side of our community.

Past the nice cars and access to dad's bank account that Oxford is somewhat notorious for are local families in dire need of help. Their already limited funds have been depleted trying to keep their homes warm during the long winter. The kids have outgrown their clothes from last spring and are faced with ridicule from their more affluent classmates. Even on campus amidst the parties and

the reveille are students whose lifeblood, their student loans, are running low and likely not to make it through the end of exams.

I encourage you to take time off from the frenzy of celebrating spring and ground yourself to the plight others face at the coming of spring.

The dean of students website has a whole page dedicated to volunteer services. Scroll through and find something that interests you and get connected. The United Way of Oxford and Lafayette County are always in need of help and volunteers.

Volunteering brings smiles, hope and relief to those that need a helping hand. And for those who volunteer, well, you know that by giving back you've gotten more out of this spring than any season before it.

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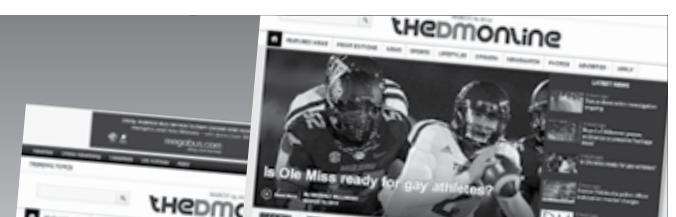
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Summer Wigley, sophomore and member of Alpha Omicron Pi, won the individual award for Emerging Leader.

"I was shocked," Wigley said. "I'm really honored and humbled."

Edney then presented Gabe LaBonia, a member of Kappa Sigma, with Greek Man of the Year. LaBonia said he was thankful to the Greek community for the award.

"I'm honored to receive the award," LaBonia said. "I owe it all to the great Greek community here at Ole Miss."

Greek Woman of the Year was given to Ann Marie Mercier of Delta Gamma.

Concluding the ceremony, Edney and the masters of ceremonies presented the highest awards to a chapter from each of the three

councils. The first cup named for former Dean of Students Sparky Reardon was awarded to Delta Psi of the IFC. The NPHC cup named for Rose Flenorl was awarded to Alpha Phi Alpha.

Kappa Kappa Gamma of the NPC was awarded the Chancellor's Cup for overall excellence.

Allie Winters, chair of both campus and alumnae relations for Kappa Kappa Gamma, said she was excited about the award.

"I think it's a great honor for all our girls to be recognized in our efforts in the community, on campus, and in Greek life," Winters said. "We're so thankful for this honor."

President of Kappa Kappa Gamma Hannah Hudson said she did not expect the award.

"We're surprised but proud to win the Chancellor's Cup for the second year in a row," Hudson said. "Congratulations to all other organizations on their individual recognitions."

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Teen stabs 22 at Pittsburgh-area high school

MURRYSVILLE, Pa. (AP) — Flailing away with two kitchen knives, a 16-year-old boy with a "blank expression" stabbed and slashed 21 students and a security guard in the crowded halls of his suburban Pittsburgh high school Wednesday before an assistant principal tackled him.

At least five students were critically wounded, including a boy whose liver was pierced by a knife thrust that narrowly missed his heart and aorta, doctors said. Others also suffered deep abdominal puncture wounds.

The rampage — which came after decades in which U.S. schools geared much of their emergency planning toward mass shootings, not stabbings — set off a screaming stampede, left blood on the floor and walls, and brought teachers rushing to help the victims.

Police shed little light on the motive.

The suspect, Alex Hribal, was taken into custody and treated for a minor hand wound, then was brought into court in shackles and a hospital gown and charged with four counts of attempted homicide and 21 counts of aggra-

vated assault. He was jailed without bail, and authorities said he would be prosecuted as an adult.

The attack unfolded in the morning just minutes before the start of classes at 1,200-student Franklin Regional High School, in an upper-middle-class area 15 miles east of Pittsburgh.

It was over in about five minutes, during which the boy ran wildly down about 200 feet of hallway, slashing away with knives 8 to 10 inches long, police said.

Assistant Principal Sam King finally tackled the boy and disarmed him, and a Murrysville police officer who is regularly assigned to the school handcuffed him, police said.

"There are a number of heroes in this day. Many of them are students," Gov. Tom Corbett said during a visit to the stricken town. "Students who stayed with their friends and didn't leave their friends."

As for what set off the attack, Murrysville Police Chief Thomas Seefeld said investigators were looking into reports of a threatening phone call between the suspect and another student the night before. Seefeld didn't speci-

fy whether the suspect received or made the call.

While several bloody stabbing rampages at schools in China have made headlines in the past few years, schools in the U.S. have concentrated their emergency preparations on mass shootings.

Nevertheless, there have been at least two major stabbing attacks at U.S. schools over the past year, one at a community college in Texas last April that wounded at least 14 people, and another, also in Texas, that killed a 17-year-old student and injured three others at a high school in September.

About five minutes elapsed between the time the campus police officer summoned help over the radio at 7:13 a.m. and the boy was disarmed, the police chief said.

Someone, possibly a student, pulled a fire alarm during the attack, Seefeld said. Although that created chaos, the police chief said, it emptied out the school more quickly, and "that was a good thing that that was done."

Public safety and school officials said an emergency plan worked as well as could be expected.

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Celebration of Service recognizes Oxford volunteers

BY KYLIE MCFADDEN
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The Inaugural Celebration of Service, recognizing exemplary service in the Oxford-Lafayette community, honored five Oxford residents with the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award for selflessness in community service on Wednesday.

The Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award was established in 1890 in order to recognize individuals who actively set out to serve and improve their communities.

Oxford community member Carol Van Besien and University of Mississippi student Mary-Haston Leary were presented with the award in recognition of their service to the community and to other citizens.

Van Besien is a former employee of the University of Mississippi School of Pharmacy who volunteers at Memory Makers, a care center that tends to elderly Alzheimer's patients.

Van Besien said the most rewarding part of volunteer work is the pleasure and satisfaction of seeing the patients happy.

"The rewards are instant, and I think the more you do it, the more you want to do it, so I think it's as good for me as it is to help others," she said.

Van Besien said that volunteer participation is vital to community growth.

"So many of these groups within Oxford would not move forward as quickly without the work of volunteers. Some of those people are extremely talented and have a lot to offer and are dedicated, which helps organizations expand."

Leary, a second year pharmacy student, has been involved in several campus organizations, including the school of pharmacy student body, Catholic Campus Ministries, Service for Sight and

Lovepacks, an organization that distributes food to impoverished children in the Oxford area.

"I'm incredibly thankful to the university for giving me such an honor," Leary said. "When you give back, I feel like I'm always the one who benefits most. I get to help someone else, but, really, it helps me too. That's when I'm at my best, when I'm getting to help others."

In addition to the awards given to Van Besien and Leary, sophomore Conner Clark and graduate students Deterrian "D.T." Shackelford and Devin Thomas were recognized as finalists for the award.

"Volunteering is one of the most important things a person can do," Leary said. "That's how a community grows: people working together, helping our neighbors, doing the right thing."



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Mary-Haston Leary (second from left) stands with Stephan McDavid, Dan Jones and Albert Nylander after receiving the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award.

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‘Six Characters in Search of an Author’ to open

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Ole Miss Theatre has been burning bridges and tearing down fences with this season’s theme, Breaking Boundaries.

As the school year comes to a close, Ole Miss Theatre still has a few more boundaries to break in their last show of the season: “Six Characters in Search of an Author.”

The play originally premiered in Rome in 1921 as an absurdist play, and the plot line is certainly unexpected. The story follows six characters who have come to a theater company to ask the director to write their unfinished story.

It has a flair similar to “Inception,” but instead of dreaming versus waking, the play asks who is real and who is not, controversial content it was noted for when it was first released.

“It’s a big deal because the play challenges traditional theater,” said Joe Turner Cantú, director of the play.

The challenged traditions in the play are the broken boundaries in this performance. There is a play within a play. There are actors playing actors, and there are characters who have come to life who are not actors.

“It’s disturbing because it shows us that life can be disturbing,” Cantú said. “It shows the truth, and the truth hurts.”

“The Director is kind of the pathway for the audience to understand the situation,” said Logan Little, the actor playing The Director, of his character.

He is one who makes the discoveries along with the audience as the characters demonstrate what human consciousness means, what reality really means and what the importance of memory is, according to Little.

His fellow actor, George Kehoe, who plays The Father, a character juxtaposed against The Director, is the one responsible for letting The Director come to these discoveries but not without first confounding



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Josephine Gladden, left to right, Nina Farris, Brigette Bruno, Logan Little and George Kehoe pose for publicity shots for “Six Characters in Search of an Author”

him with his philosophy.

“The story is about the contrast between reality and illusion and what is most important to us as human beings,” Kehoe said. “It shows us the importance of the residue left behind by each experience we have as humans.”

As is slightly inevitable with a theme like breaking boundaries, the season has put on a couple shows that have been difficult to understand, but the cast is certain this show is not nearly as confusing as it is thought-provoking.

“It’s not difficult to understand,”

Little said, “As long as someone isn’t on their iPhone, the show is directed well enough to make sense. Everyone will leave thinking they’ve had a great intellectual experience.”

Although the season is ending, it is not coming to its final curtain without leaving a lasting impression.

“All you have to do is look at ‘Laramie Project,’” Cantú said. “It proves that our theater department can break boundaries.”

But these broken boundaries bring risks to the theater, mak-

ing the public opinion about each show difficult to predict.

“I have no idea how people will react,” Cantú said. “I have tried to tell the story as interestingly as possible and tell people the point.”

Despite his words, Cantú, the cast and the crew are all excited for opening night, ready to showcase their hard work and dedication.

“Six Characters in Search of an Author” opens today at 7:30 p.m. and will play Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. with a Sunday matinee at 2 p.m.

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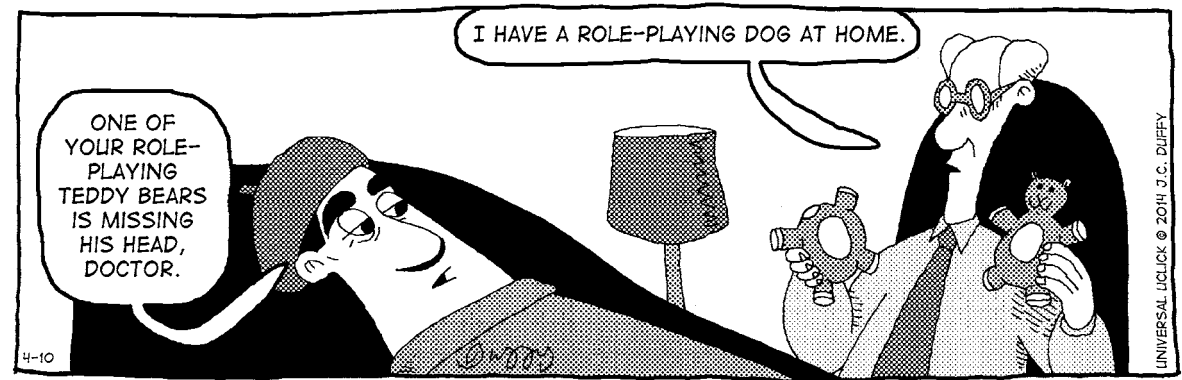
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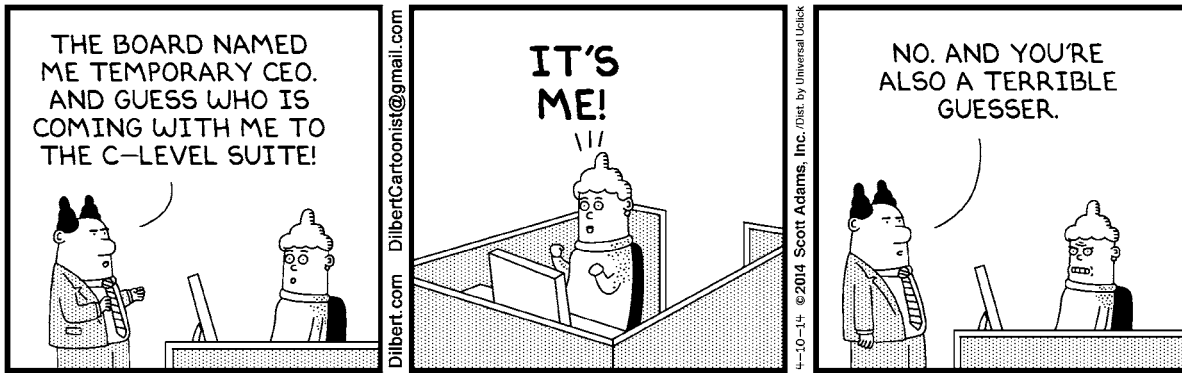
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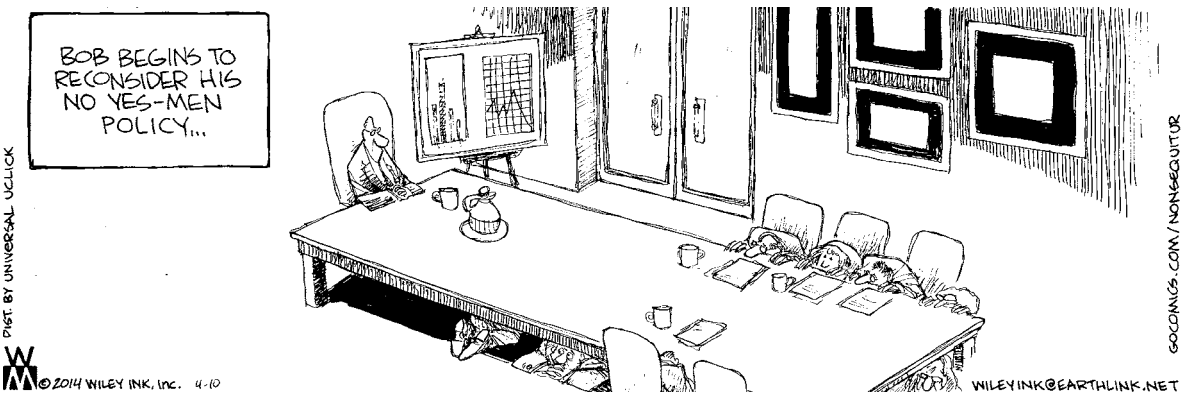
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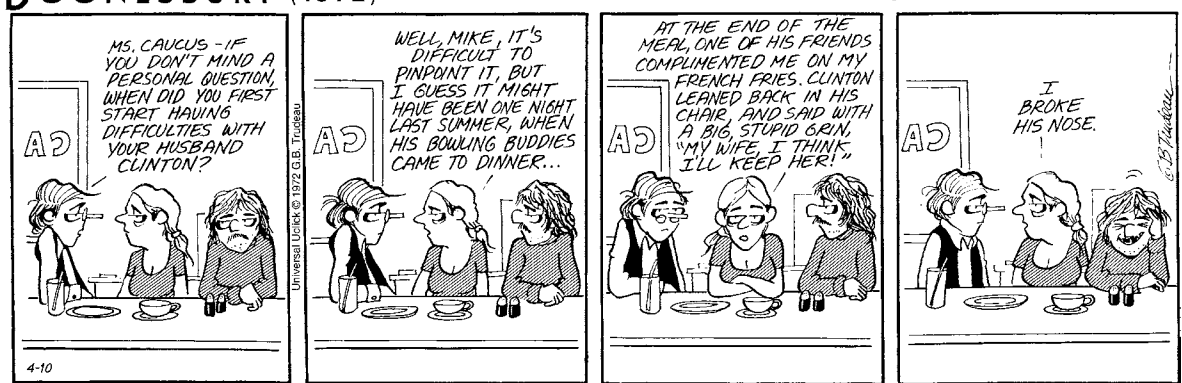
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Lights, camera, action and costumes

BY CHANDLER CLARKSON
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“Lights, camera, action!” The audience in the theater is enthralled by the scenery, characters, lighting and most noticeably, the costumes.

Stephanie Shaw, costume design and technology professor at The University of Mississippi, can sit back and look at some of her and her student’s ideas and creations.

Whether students in her classes are constructing character costumes for the next play on the Ole Miss campus or have dreams of becoming the next fashion designer, the costume and design classes at Ole Miss offer valuable skills and experiences.

From sketches to sewing and then to fittings, the costume and design department of the theater department crosses over into the fashionable world of runway design, the major Ole Miss lacks.

“It is close to fashion in that we both dress people, we build for people and we are creating a character. We are creating a design around an idea which fashion does as well,” Shaw said of the costume and design technology classes.

Senior Jeffery Peavy is studying costume and design technology on his way to hopefully one day become a fashion designer. With his inspiration from famous designers like Versace, he says Ole Miss has offered him the skills to proceed onto an ambitious master’s degree in cities like Chicago or New York City.

“Costume design is a really cool major and it is related to fashion because you study so much fashion history” Peavy said.

With the artistry Peavy has learned in his costume classes, he feels confident about his future as a designer. He said he is “definitely ready to design” from his experience in portfolio reviews and his responsibility as the costume coordinator for Mississippi: The Dance Company.

Ginny Luckie, a junior theatre arts minor, took Introduction to Costumes with Shaw. She was required to work 40 hours in the costume shop during the semester. Her time was spent sewing, washing clothes, organizing and cleaning.

“It was not an easy class, but I did learn a lot,” Luckie said.

With Oxford so in touch with the trends and style, it is hard to believe the university does not offer a fashion marketing or design major.

Shaw said that the theater department does their best to match the students with the

most relevant courses, ones that overlap with fashion design.

The Ole Miss Department of Theatre Arts is always offering other opportunities to the students whose true desire is fashion, not theatre costumes. Experiences like designing for the yearly University of Mississippi Eco-Fashion Show during Green Week, this year headed by Peavy, are always available. Shaw said that the most important aspect to becoming a designer is “to put effort into it.”

“I am using my skills I have learned in costume design and technology to help me do

that job,” Peavy said of the Eco-Fashion Show.

Shaw said the theater professors are always encouraging the hopeful fashion designers to pursue a summer job or internship in fashion and design. Students often

“You know, it’s not going to land in your lap. You have to work for your own future,”
-Stephanie Shaw

work on various productions during the school year as well that are not specifically through the theatre department.

“You know, it’s not going to land in your lap. You have to work for your own future,” Shaw said.

Encouraged every year, the

theater department works to become closer to other departments, such as art and journalism. Normally in touch with the music department and dance department, the theatre department works to expand into areas that can

help influence the students in varying subjects.

“The cinema department is doing a lot with coordinating with history and English,” Shaw said.

Shaw said the most important advice she can give to fashion or costumes designers is to “keep drawing.”

Future fashion designers can keep their Rebel pride and stay located in Oxford

with the costumes and design technology courses offered through the department. From summer internships or events like the Ole Miss Eco-Fashion Show this spring, students can showcase their design talents in other ways. Keep your pencil in hand and work hard, Shaw said.



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Rebels set to host No. 10 Texas A&M

The University of Mississippi's men's tennis team picked up three wins against Arkansas-Pine Bluff Wednesday at the Palmer/Salloom Tennis Center as they get ready to host No. 10 Texas A&M in the final regular season SEC match of the year.

The Rebels will celebrate senior Johan Backstrom as well as head coach Billy Chadwick's final SEC home match. Fans coming to the match will receive a commemorative Billy Chadwick collector's cup, free Ole Miss tennis candy bars and a collector poster of Backstrom.

"Texas A&M is ranked top 10 in the country, and they're tied for the top spot in the conference," Chadwick said. "We know that they are one of the nation's best. We feel like we are starting to play our best tennis. This is our last SEC home match, and we are looking forward to having a great crowd and closing out the regular season on a high note."

The Rebels are led by junior Nik Scholtz, who comes in ranked No. 22 in the nation with a 10-1 record at No. 1 singles, 5-1 in the SEC. He will get another opportunity

for a top-20 win as he faces 14th-ranked Harrison Adams of the Aggies.

Texas A&M comes into Friday's match at 20-5 overall and tied atop the SEC standings at 9-1. The Aggies' lone SEC loss came at Kentucky, 4-0. Adams owns a 23-9 overall record, 7-5 at No. 1 singles. The Aggies also boast the No. 6-ranked doubles team in the nation, senior Junior Ore and junior Jackson Withrow, who are 9-2 at No. 1 doubles.

"My dad was an Aggie. He has passed away, but I am in hopes that he will give us a

little help from above to beat the Aggies," said Chadwick.

Friday will mark the last SEC match for Backstrom, who has been involved in many big matches for the Rebels, but this one is a little more special.

"This is a huge match, and a very exciting one, especially for me," Backstrom said. "I was actually recruited by both schools. I know their coaches very well. Like my dad said, the circle is complete. I was choosing between Ole Miss and Texas A&M, and my very last home SEC match happens to be against them. It's

going to be a special day."

It's been a difficult season for the Rebels record-wise, but Chadwick and the team are excited about the opportunity.

"We need to play a great match from top to bottom," Chadwick said. "We've played very well at different spots on different days. We need to put it all together. I felt like our best match was down in Florida. Even though we lost, we really played a good match from top to bottom. We're looking to build on that."

Admission to the match is free.

OLE MISS SPORTS INFORMATION

Aubrey Edie makes U.S. Collegiate National Team

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. – Ole Miss freshman volleyball player Aubrey Edie has been selected to train and compete with the U.S. Collegiate National Team, as announced by USA Volleyball Tuesday.

Edie (Fayetteville, Ark.) is among 36 athletes selected by USA Volleyball to participate in the U.S. Collegiate National Team (CNT) program that will train and compete in conjunction with the USA Volleyball Girl's Junior National Championships from June 22 to July 1 in Minneapolis.

Athletes participating on

the U.S. Women's Collegiate National Team were selected from the U.S. Women's National Team Open tryouts held Feb. 21-23 at the U.S. Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colo. Edie was one of 248 athletes from 106 colleges and universities to participate in the tryouts.

"The Ole Miss volleyball team is excited for Aubrey," head coach Steven McRoberts said. "It takes a lot of hard work and talent to make this squad. We are looking forward to supporting Aubrey in any way that we can in order for her to be

successful as she represents Ole Miss on the U.S. Collegiate National Team."

The 2014 CNT program includes nine middle blockers, nine outside hitters, six opposites, six setters and six liberos.

After the training portion of the program, the 36 athletes will be divided into three equal teams which will compete in a round-robin event June 27-30. The round-robin event may add an international team to increase the field to four teams that would compete June 26-30. This program is considered a second tryout for the U.S. Women's National Team.

Edie averaged a team-high 9.21 assists per set in 2013, the eighth best mark in the SEC and tops among freshmen in the league. She had a team-high eight double-doubles in all matches, tied for the second most in the SEC among rookies, and her six double-doubles in SEC play was the second most among freshmen. Edie broke the Ole Miss single-match program record with 61 assists vs. LSU, and also had a team-high and season-high tying 16 digs en route to earning SEC Freshman of the Week honors.

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derson, gave up two walks to start the fourth inning, and sophomore lefty Matt Denny came into the game.

Murray State right fielder Kollin Dowdy then knocked in two runs on a double down the right field line, putting the Racers up 2-0. Later in the inning, Murray State designated hitter Dalton West batted in another run, making it 3-0.

The Rebels answered immediately with a huge bottom of the fourth. Designated hitter Will Allen started the bottom half of the inning with a double, and the next batter, third baseman Brantley Bell, knocked Allen home, cutting the lead to 3-1. Later in the inning, second baseman John Gatlin knocked in another run, making it 3-2. Gatlin would score after a Lee RBI, tying the game at 3-3.

The Rebels scored three more times in the fourth inning — one run scored on an Auston Bousfield bunt, and two scored on an Austin Anderson single. At the end of the fourth, the score was 6-3.

The next couple innings were relatively quiet, with the exception of another Ole Miss run scored in the bottom of the sixth on a Lee single, making the score 7-3.

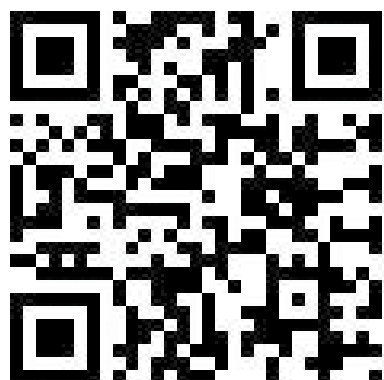
But the Racers would answer in the top of the seventh, scoring two runs on two separate singles. Staying true to the game's pattern, the Rebels answered right back with another run in the bottom of the seventh, increasing their lead and solidifying the win at 8-5.

The Rebels' pitching staff produced what Bianco called "a bad night on the mound," with seven different pitchers giving up the five runs on the night. Denny got the win, and Murray State's Cameron Finch got the loss.

Last night's victory was the Rebels' sixth straight win,

which should produce a good amount of momentum as they head to Starkville tomorrow for a pivotal SEC rivalry series at Mississippi State — an unwelcoming environment, especially for the cross-state rivals.

"We are playing good baseball," Bianco said. "It's exciting for (the players). That's why they come to play here and play in the SEC. You want to play in those types of atmospheres. I think the guys are excited for it."



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Ole Miss first baseman Sikes Orvis tags Murray State's Ty Stetson out at first as pitcher Matt Denny attempts to avoid the play.

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BY ADAM GANUCHEAU
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The Ole Miss Rebels defeated the Murray State Thoroughbreds 8-5 last night, powered by the second straight powerful hitting performance in as many nights.

The Rebels offense racked up 15 hits last night, seemingly picking up where they left off after their 14-hit performance two nights ago at Memphis. Ole Miss left fielder Braxton Lee led the way with four hits on the night.

“We were terrific offensively,” head coach Mike Bianco said. “There were several guys with multiple hits, with a big night from Braxton Lee, J.B. Woodman, Austin Knight and others.”

Murray State got on the board first, scoring three runs in the top half of the fourth inning. Ole Miss starter, freshman right-hander Evan An-

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Braxton Lee slides into third as Murray State third baseman Luke Daugherty awaits the throw during Wednesday’s game. Ole Miss won 8-5.

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